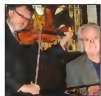




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School celebrated



Jean Gallagher, visiting from Nova Scotia, attended Laura Secord School in Queenston in the 50s. Attending the final celebration Sunday brought back good memories, she says, and gave her a chance to try out a slide that was not there when she was at school and to meet some friends she had not seen for years.

Queenston residents have high hopes for a bright future for the Laura Secord School property, including holding on to the community park.

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Retired and current teachers caught up on news, former students reminisced, parents and kids enjoyed the beautiful day and community members discussed the future.

Sunday's celebration of education at Laura Secord School in Queenston was a bittersweet opportunity for nostalgia as the facility which opened in 1914 prepares to close its doors to students in June.

While friends and acquaintances poured over memorabilia and shared their recollections of decades gone by, many were saddened by the school's closing and questioning the future of the historic building.

Ad School Uiterkamp lives down the road from the school, and has two children who attended. He has been involved in the past as a parent, and will continue to be as a community member, he said.

"We didn't fight the school closure," he said.

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RECYCLE

Mayor 'dead set against' review of job

With no support, councillor tosses aside motion to study job description and salary of lord mayor.

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

An attempt by Councillor Jim Collard to have the job and salary of the town's top elected position reviewed was pulled Monday, when he realized he had no support on council.

Collard had hoped to have

an advisory panel struck, with three residents, the director of corporate services Scott Tipping and town clerk Holly Dowd, to investigate whether the position of Lord Mayor of Niagara-on-the-Lake should be a full-time job. He also wanted pay and travel expenses researched.

But Councillor Jack Lowrey, who Collard had hoped would support the request, said he had difficulty with the timing of the review, when taxes were increased this year and expected to rise again next year.

The major concern of residents is their high taxes, Lowrey said, pointing out that the Lord Mayor is already paid 14 per cent more than other part-time mayors in the region.

"I think we're in

a bit of a financial box," said Lowrey.

"Why would we consider reexamining this at this time?"

"It's never a good time to do a study of this nature," Collard said. "It's never going to be popular."

It's a responsibility of council to take a look at it, he said, "but no council that I can remember has done this study."

Collard, who has yet to file his intent to run in the October municipal election, says he has no plans to run for mayor, "although I will file for something."

Lord Mayor Gary Burroughs is also keeping quiet about his intentions for the next election, but he wasn't quiet about his reaction to Collard's request. "I'm dead set against it," he said.

Anyone running for the

job of Lord Mayor knows what it involves, and the salary, and can make up their own minds about how much time they're willing to put into it, he said.

"It should be up to the individual."

Burroughs says he is paid about \$34,000 for what is considered a part-time job, but he chooses to dedicate more hours to it and is happy to do so.

If a future mayor thinks a review of the job description and salary is necessary, let the study be done then, he said.

While the hours he puts into being Lord Mayor might equal a full-time job, Burroughs says, "that's my choice."

Although he might attend many functions during any given week, he considers them to be exciting opportunities, he added.



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Partnerships with Parks, Willowbank up for discussion

➤ Process in very early stages of discussions but possibilities are encouraging.

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"But we will fight tooth and nail to keep the building and the park. We're not going to give up on keeping

the one-acre park, and we hope to keep the building from becoming part of a big development."

Residents are talking of the possibilities for the future of the facility, which is currently zoned institutional, most agreeing that at least the original, historic building must be preserved.

But some have higher hopes for an even brighter future.

Jim Armstrong, chair of the Queenston Residents Association, has been

working on a proposal with his members that could see the facility saved to serve several purposes—a Niagara Parks Commission museum dedicated to the Laura Secord years, possibly some tenants, and some collaboration with Willowbank Estate's School of Restoration Arts.

"It could be a cultural enclave, a gathering place for the community," he said.

Although it's early days yet, he says, association members are hoping to attract the interest of the Parks Commission, which owns Laura Secord House in Queenston, the MacKenzie Printery and the historic Queenston Chapel.



Lissa Schoot Utterkamp, 15, enjoying the Laura Secord celebration Sunday, will see her first school and her high school—she is in Grade 9 at Niagara District Secondary School—close this year. She says she liked being able to meet her friends on the school playground, and will miss the sound of children playing down the street. She hopes for a community park to remain and her father, Ad, says he will fight tooth and nail to make that happen.

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School board has closure process to follow

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The Parks Commission has plans for their Laura Secord homestead that would include an expansion to allow for school class visits, and making it more accessible, with a visitor centre and gift shop.

Federal and provincial funding for Parks Commission 1812 bicentennial projects could finance a plan to consolidate existing heritage buildings, including the chapel, on the Laura Secord homestead site, in partnership with the School of Restoration Arts at Willowbank.

The discussion about a "village within a village" and the Laura Secord house expansion could include the school property, says the Parks Commission's Debbie Whitehouse.

"It's very early in the process. Staff has indicated a willingness to talk about what might be possible. The board of commissioners hasn't entered into it yet. But we are willing to discuss the potential," said Whitehouse, adding she understands the villagers have "high hopes" that the Parks Commission plans could include the school property.

"We're looking at ways to preserve the building without turning it into a retirement home," said Armstrong.

"We just not quite there yet," Lynn Campbell, school board trustee and NOTL resident, was at the celebration Sunday.

She's heard about the hopes of the association, but says it's too early in the process to say what will happen to the property.

First the board has to declare it surplus, then it must give the Catholic board, the region and the municipality the opportunity to purchase it.

After that, she said, it goes on the open market and the board will begin talking to anyone who has an interest in it.

The timeline depends on the board, she said—she has seen the process unfold quickly in some cases and "take quite a long time" in others.

Campbell says she especially enjoyed the sense of camaraderie and community at Sunday's celebration.

And whatever the outcome of the future of the property, she says, "I just hope we can do something that the community will be happy with."



Helena Copeland serves trustee Lynn Campbell at Sunday's Laura Secord celebration. The Queenston Firefighters provided and cooked hot dogs and hamburgers for the occasion.



Andrea Armstrong and Shari Potter share memories of Laura Secord, which they both attended in the 60s.

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our editorial

Support the Stampede: the VBA supports the community

The Virgil Business Association: pretty self-explanatory—a group of more than 50 business people that meets monthly to talk about what to do for their community.

Except when you think about it, 50 business representatives from the little community of Virgil is pretty impressive. And many of them have been members for the more than 40 years since a few neighbours began hosting an annual Virgilia event.

When last year's Virgil Stampede was said and done, the association had donated more than \$1 million to the community over those 40 years.

There is not likely an individual in Niagara-on-the-Lake who has not at some point benefited from the generosity of the Virgil Business Association and its annual fundraiser, the Virgil Stampede. The association, through the support of everyone who has volunteered at the Stampede and every person who has

attended, has helped purchase hospital equipment, has donated to arts organizations, helped restore the historic Court House, and given financial support to the local museum and volunteer firefighters.

The association has helped people of all ages, from the seniors at Pleasant Manor to the kids who have modern playground equipment at their schools, who skate at two great arenas, who have made use of two updated swimming pools for recreation, or who have participated in minor sports in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

This year's Stampede will offer new events, including two concerts, and many of the old favourites—including great food and amazing fireworks.

Thanks to the volunteers who make the Stampede possible, and thanks to all of you who attend and help to make it a successful event that allows the association to give so much support to the community. And have a great time while you're there.

Thanks to NOTL Lions for 50 boxes of food

➤ Newark Neighbours still needs household items for farm workers as they arrive in NOTL.

Thanks to the Niagara-on-the-Lake Lions Club for their food drive at both Valu-marts. We have already mentioned their food drive, but we mistakenly said they collected five boxes of food for us—we want to thank them and all who donated for 50 boxes of food.



Brenda Shah
Newark Neighbours

Thank you as well to Harvest Barn for their bi-weekly donations of vegetables, fruit, bread and pies—we so appreciate being able to include fresh food with all our non-perishable items.

Our farm workers continue to arrive and we are running short of the

household items they need when they get here. We could use sheets and blankets, small TVs, microwaves and the Thermos flasks they like to take their lunch in.

We could also use work clothes for them, and of course we are always looking for bicycles which they depend on for transportation.

We would like to wish everyone a happy Virgilia Day. We will be open our usual hours this weekend.

Our hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and we can be reached at 905-468-3519.

Our Heritage



Photo courtesy of Jim Smith

This old photo was taken on the side of the old Town Hall on Queen Street where residents used to go into the library. The older man sitting on the running board is John Boulton, a fisherman, and with him is his son, also John.

letters to the editor

Reply to letter from health minister

The Minister of Health has sent a reply to all those who signed a petition regarding the provincial government's plan to reduce generic drug prices.

All pharmacists meet the values mentioned in the letter, i.e. "to deliver the highest quality care to patients; to ensure the sustainability of our health care system; to be accountable for public finances; and to stand up for the most vulnerable."

Pharmacists meet these values every day.

The government proposes to eliminate professional allowances. These allowances were created in response to successive policies of the Ontario government. The government further compounded the issue by failing to increase the professional fee, being content to have generic manufacturers subsidize the provision of services for the

past 20 years.

The proposals for reform will have a negative impact on the people of Ontario.

In 2003, South Africa eliminated all forms of rebates and failed to provide replacement funding for pharmacies. As a consequence over 500 community pharmacies closed.

There are other options. Lower generic prices and professional allowances are not incompatible. In Britain, where generic prices are among the lowest in the world, the contract is structured so that pharmacists buy generics at a low price and retain some of the savings. As a result the British government realized savings of 1.8 billion pounds and increased pharmacy productivity by eight per cent.

The people of Ontario value and respect the high quality services they receive from their community pharmacists. Government and pharmacy must work together if we are to maintain this high quality and ensure that we will have a viable and sustainable

health care system that meets the need of future generations.

Ward Simpson
R.Ph., B.Sc.Pharm

Thanks to all for Home & Life

The First Annual Virgil Home & Life Showcase was a huge success. Thanks to the whole community for their support. Hosted by the Virgil School Home Show Committee, this event raised money for all the elementary students of Virgil. Thank you to the Col. John Butler parents who came out to help.

Special thanks to our Major Sponsors: Meridian Credit Union and Phil's Valu-mart. Without them, this event would not have taken place. Thanks also to our event sponsors and to our committee members who worked very hard to put this together. We are looking forward to an even bigger event next year.

Plan to be there.

Bonnie Heving
Virgil Home Show
Committee Coordinator

Where is our meeting with the Minister of Education?

➤ NOT deserves a meeting with the Minister of Education and a right-sized quality secondary school.



Sandra Cowan &
Georgina Keller
Friends of NDSS

Hello, is anyone out there?
We've been talking, but no one is listening.

Two and a half years ago all Niagara-on-the-Lake schools were under review and solutions were offered

to keep education in our community.

One encountered a right-sized high school, but the District School Board of Niagara chose not to hear us when the Accommodation Review Committee recommended that we keep our only local high school open.

Instead they told NOT it was our responsibility to attract students to NDSS. We did that by suggesting the IB program, the Golf Academy and even an agricultural program, perfect for this farming area, only to have the DSNB refuse to

hear us again and instead they told us the school would be closed at the end of this school year.

NOT residents and town staff refused to give up though and formed a strategy committee to create a document (the Brief), that would explain the need for NOT to have community secondary education. That was six months ago.

In April, town council voted to have MPP Kim Craitor take this Brief to the Minister of Education. The Friends of NDSS and the people of NOT have worked in good faith to

hand this problem over to our elected officials, we have let them carry the ball and yet we still have no response.

Where is our meeting? How come the Minister of Education is taking so long to respond to this very important issue?

Countless people of NOT have emailed or written the Minister of Education about the lack of cooperation from the DSNB with the town of NOT and they have written encouraging her to step in right the wrong.

We have heard nothing

from the Minister.

It is very frustrating when we the tax payers are treated as if we have no say. The trustees, MPs and MPPs are all voted in by us and yet when we have a problem with what they are doing, there is no one to make them accountable.

Hello, is anyone out there? NOT needs a high school and we should not have wait around while politicians refuse to listen.

NOT deserves a meeting with the Minister of Education and we deserve a right-sized quality secondary school.

What is really happening with provincial drug reform?

➤ Pharmacists seem to have an extension, but only by a few weeks.



Penny Golez
Editor's Notebook

Last week, as the Niagara Advance was going to press, MPP Kim Craitor called, as he had promised he would if there were any new developments regarding generic drug reform legislation that was expected to take effect May 15.

He said his government wanted time to read all the submissions from pharmacists across the province before implementing its plan, which continues to

elicit strong opposition from pharmacists, who will lose the professional allowance that compensates them for several free services they offer.

Craitor called with what seemed like news that was too good to be true—his government was delaying the regulatory changes until spring.

But it is spring, I said. Do you mean next fall? No, I mean next spring. It

could take up to a year to study all the submissions, Craitor said.

It was too good to be true. As the Advance was delivered Thursday, I couldn't understand why I hadn't read anything about the delay in the dailies, or heard anything on the news. So again, I called our MPP to make sure I hadn't imagined that phone call, and he assured me I hadn't.

Trouble is, he was mistaken about the timeline. His had misunderstood. The delay is until later this spring. So pharmacists have about a month to convince the Ministry of Health the plan is a bad idea, for pharmacists and the patients they care for.

But whose mistake it was isn't important. What matters is what the few weeks' delay could mean to provincial health care.

Kim Craitor gets it. He understands that the services community pharmacists

provide are an essential component of our health care system, and he has tried to convince his government to have another look at the issue and have no idea whether they will be.

The changes as proposed by the government would save about \$750 million a year in professional allowances that drug companies pay to pharmacies, which would allow for a reduction in generic drug prices of about 50 per cent. And since the province is the single largest purchaser of those generic drugs through its social service programs, that would mean a saving to taxpayers. But without that, pharmacies will have to reduce some services and charge for others.

It would seem the government isn't backing down on the cut to these professional allowances, but pharmacists say there are other ways to reduce drug prices.

There is confusion about what the extension means. Pharmacists haven't been invited back to the table yet for further negotiation and have no idea whether they will be.

I was confused by a phone call and an email from Montreal over the weekend, asking about the extension that was reported in the Advance. This is provincial legislation. Why would anyone in Quebec care about a story on Ontario drug reform in a little community paper?

Because the Quebec community pharmacies research and track stock prices, and the extension and what it means could affect the value of large drug store chain stocks. I learned.

This proposal is a big deal to pharmacists, whether they work for community independents or big chains.

Sean Simpson says it's impossible to know whether the extension is a delay tactic that will result in the original

proposal being passed eventually or a real effort to reach an agreement that works for both sides.

Pharmacists aren't against lower generic prices, he said, they just have a different approach that would see them fairly compensated for the services they provide.

It's a multi-faceted approach and it's complicated, he said, but it would result in the savings the government is looking for without driving community pharmacies out of business.

Instead of sweeping changes to one small piece of drug reform, it would mean minor modifications to many different areas to achieve the same goals," he says.

If the government isn't willing to look at modifications before meddling in the marketplace, he added, "Let them buy our out, pay me for all my assets and make me a civil servant. That way I can at least have a lunch break."



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- 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Ontario Tennis Association promoting the game of tennis, activities to enjoy
- 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- Air Cadets, promoting their organization
- 12:00 PM
- BINGO
- 1:30 PM AND 2:30 PM
- McMaster School of Highland Dancing, Centennial Arena
- 4:00 PM
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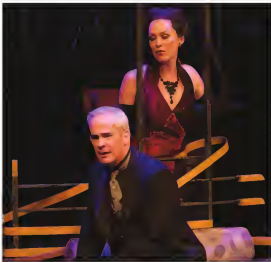
Difficult times and disturbing subjects can be examined through humour.

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Shaw Festival artistic director Jackie Maxwell says she doesn't have a theme in mind when choosing the playbill for the season—but if we look for one, we always seem to find it.

The common thread this year is comedy. Next week's openings in the Shaw Festival's 49th season will make us laugh.

But although each play offers a different kind of comedy, says Maxwell—the satire of The Women, the dark Chekhovian melancholy of the Cherry



EMILY COOPER
Moya O'Connell as Mrs. Cheveley and Patrick Galligan as Sir Robert Chiltern star in *An Ideal Husband*, opening at the Shaw Festival Theatre Wednesday.

Orchard, the black comedy of *Serious Money*, the comic edge of *Oscar Wilde in The Ideal Husband*, the absurdity of *Harvey* and Shaw's great wit in *The Doctor's Dilemma*—the subject matter of each is serious stuff.

It would be easy to say that in gloomy times humour is impor-

tant, says Maxwell, but we can laugh and at the same time be entertained, and we can be entertained while looking at a thought-provoking, serious subject.

"Really good writing doesn't lecture," she says. "It doesn't hit us over the head. But it does make us think—and we can laugh and think at the same time."

Humour, she says, helps keep us on edge.

"I don't want people to sit back and be too comfortable. I like them to be surprised."

Opening Wednesday at the Festival Theatre, *The Ideal Husband*, directed by Maxwell, deals with power, ambition, and marital and professional betrayal. It's a great example of humour and surprise, where nobody is who they seem to be. It's also relevant, she adds.

"Scandals used to lend charm to a man—now, they crush him," said Wilde, in 1895, when *Ideal Husband* was first performed.

To say that it's current, says Maxwell, is an understatement.

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Cherry Orchard has Irish flavour

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It's also her favourite Wilde play, she adds, with "moments of huge drama where people go to dark places, yet ultimately it's about human compassion, love and tolerance," — while still maintaining great wit.

Patrick Galligan plays the husband in question, Sir Robert Chiltemer, wife Catherine McGregor his wife Gertrude, and Steven Sutcliffe the debonair and insightful Lord Goring.

The Cherry Orchard, by Anton Chekhov and adapted by Tom Murphy, one of Ireland's leading contemporary playwrights, opens at the Court House next Thursday.

This Shaw production is the Canadian premiere of the Murphy version, and retains the power of the Russian classic with an Irish twist.

Chekhov himself



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— Jackie Maxwell

Shaw artistic director

described it as a comedy, says Maxwell, "but you're not going to laugh at it the same way you laugh at the same way you laugh at it—huge events, a rich family on the edge of an abyss, their money gone, but they're worrying about losing their goliaths. It's funny and compelling and infuriating—the way they deal or don't deal with things makes you laugh and cry at the same time."

The musical farce, One Touch of Venus, opens

Friday, May 28 at the Royal George.

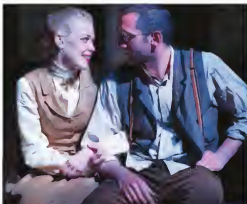
Described as a "comic caper" from the pen of the Marx Brothers' writer S.J. Perelman and poet Ogden Nash, it features Robin Evan Willis as the goddess Venus, brought to life to fall for shy barber Rodney Hatch, played by Kyle Blatz, with Deborah Hay as the whip-smart Molly Grant and Mark Urr as wealthy art collector Whitelaw Savory.

Harvey, written by Mary Chase and directed by Joseph Ziegler, opens Saturday afternoon, May 29 at the Royal George, with Peter Kranz playing the humorous Elwood Dowd, Corrie Koslo as his society-conscious sister Veta Simmons and, returning to the Shaw stage, Norman Browning as Dr. Chumley. Opening Saturday evening is The Women, a great indication of the strength of the ensemble's female members.

Directed by Alisa Palmer, Clare Routhie Lucas's satiric peek into the boudoirs of the Manhattan elite features Jenny Young as the jilted Mary Haines and Deborah Hay as her dubious friend Sylvia Fowler, with Beryl Bain, Nicolá Correia-Damude, Sharry Flett, Mary Haney, Laurie Patten, Jenny L. Wright and Moya O'Connell. Returning is Shaw favourite Kelli Fox—and not a man is invited into this secret society.

Directed by Morris Panych, Bernard Shaw's The Doctor's Dilemma, featuring Patrick Galligan as the conflicted doctor Sir Colenso Ridgeon, doesn't open until July.

It showcases Shaw's ability to combine profound writing with great wit and humour, and has some very acerbic things to say about the medical profession, says Maxwell—comments that might bring to mind, as they



DAVID COOPER

Robyn Evan Willis is Anya and Gord Rand plays Trofimov in The Cherry Orchard, which opens at the Court House Theatre next Thursday.

did for her, last year's swine flu dilemma—"who gets the vaccination, who needs it the most, who's trying to jump the queue. It struck me when I was reading about it last year, here we go again, history repeating itself."

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"This timely injection of financial support in 2010 will certainly have a significant economic impact for the Shaw, our community partners and the entire Niagara Region."

The funding will allow the festival to enhance marketing initiatives and media campaigns, said Blake.

The Shaw's performance season affects the health of many area industries that rely on Shaw visitors—a recent economic impact study conducted by Enigma Research noted that of the tourists attending Shaw plays, nearly half are travelling from outside Canada, contributing to a total economic impact of the Shaw estimated at about \$76.6 million a year.

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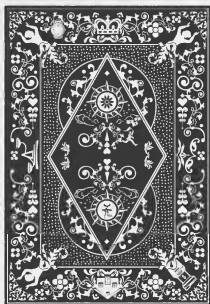


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Artistic director Alis Bankas says last year was the best yet, and this year will be better again.

The music, the musicians, the venues, the programs and the presentations just keep getting better, "but we still have a long way to go to fill every concert. We hope this year's concerts will be attractive enough to fill the venues."

He says it has been clear since the first year, when he began a partnership with Rev. Bob Wright to offer music in St. Mark's Church, that the festival was going to be a success, and that St. Mark's was the place to begin.

"It's not just a beautiful site, but it is beautiful acoustically as well. It has such a lovely sound—we may as well fill it with music!" said Rev. Wright.

And in addition, "the vibes are right," says Bankas. "This is the right place to be."

Addison Hall, says Rev. Wright, has in recent years become a beautiful, intimate venue for some of the artists who are not expecting huge crowds.

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Music Niagara's artistic director Alis Bankas and Rev. Robert Wright prepare for a free concert at St. Mark's Church.

people are passionate about it. It's obvious we're in the right place in every way."

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The concert will be held at St. Mark's Church, where the festival began, Sunday May 30 at 4 p.m.

A small reception will follow.

It will feature all new

artists—except for Bankas—who will be performing with the festival this season, including acclaimed American pianist Claudia Hoca; local jazz favourite John Sherwood on piano, with vocalist Madeline Robertson; young virtuosos Tony Yang, an 11-year-old on piano, and 17-year-old Emma Morrison on violin; and special guests Conlin, Nicholas and Danton Delbers, saxophonist of the Métis Fiddler Quartet, recent performers at the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver.

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Chopin and Schumann," says Banks.

"Music Niagara is also presenting a number of shows featuring works of these composers. In addition to music, I have invited three speakers who will hold the pre-concert talks on Schumann, his life and rela-

tionships, and music in general." Rick Phillips from the CBC, William Littler from the Toronto Star and Peter Hall from the WNEO. This is a great chance to meet these celebrities and ask a few questions."

Schumann and His Circle will feature Shaw Festival

actors, reading letters of Schumann, his wife Clara, and their dear friend Johannes Brahms, says Banks.

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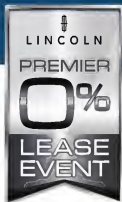
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thought of how nice it would be to have some background music? Perhaps some classical music to relax to, or some jazz while you entertain your guests.

There are several factors to consider when adding an outdoor music system - the speakers to choose, where to put them, how to control the system without having to run in and out of the house every time you need to adjust the volume or skip a song, to name a few.

Also (in most cases) you don't want to irritate your neighbours, filling their yard

with your musical selections, is it possible? In a word, yes.

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There are about 60 koi in her York Road pond, and more than a dozen mature, large ones, but the silver one is her special pet, she says. She also has more than 3,000 plants in different areas of her garden—that's the number that she began with when she moved to Niagara-on-the-Lake in 2001, and had a truckload of plants moved here from her Bruce Peninsula home.

It's too early to start thinking about planting bulbs, but it's not too early to think about fundraising to pay for them.



Anne Crooks, Debbie Eke, Sheila Hirsch and Jean Cochrane are preparing to host the Daffodil Garden of Hope fundraiser in Hirsch's garden.

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Hirsch's is a "gardener's garden," and she is hosting this year's fundraiser Wednesday, June 16, from 1:30 to 4 p.m., to pay for the bulbs to be planted at the next Daffodil Garden of Hope, at the gazebo beside the Niagara Pumphouse Visual Art Centre overlooking the river.

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Sheila Hirsch's York Road garden will be on display for this spring's Daffodil Garden of Hope to raise money for the next garden to be planted, by the gazebo at the Niagara PumpHouse Visual Art Centre.

Bulbs planted as reminder of hope

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The hat parade around the friendly kol pond begins at 2:30 p.m., with prizes for the most fashionable, original and artistic.

Special guest Dougal Cameron will talk about tropical plants, specialty bulbs and clematis.

Tickets are \$35 per person—expect a silent auction and Hirsch promises some surprises.

"Your support will create a beautiful tribute to those who have been touched by cancer

and to those who are no longer with us," says Hirsch, who herself is fighting a six-year battle of her own.

The seventh daffodil garden will be planted in partnership with the Canadian Cancer Society and the community. This spring, more than 60,000 daffodils bloomed in Niagara-on-the-Lake, to be enjoyed and bring hope to all those who have been touched by cancer: the survivors, the family and friends of those lost to the disease, and those currently battling it.

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When the Farmers' Market first opened in Niagara-on-the-Lake four years ago, it was answering growing community interest in a place to buy local produce.

The town has long been known for its agricultural products, and a local farmers' market was seen as the best opportunity for locals

to buy fresh, home-grown produce from the people who grow it.

To be true to the original concept, the Market's vendors must be from the Niagara Region, and all produce 100 per cent Niagara grown.

When it opens Saturday, the most visible vendor will be Calla Nova Flowers, filling the market at the corner of Niven Road and Niagara Stone Road with colour.

Customers can expect to be fed while they shop. Pigout will provide peameal bacon and other pork goods, including a pig roast, and Sharina's Kettle Kook Popcorn will be sure to have something to munch on.

Willow Cakes and Pastries will again be providing baked goods and

specialty coffees.

Farmers will have asparagus, spring onions, rhubarb, lettuce, fresh herbs, and heirloom tomato plants available, says Adam Hawley, market manager, and expect face-painting and games for kids.

There are plans for monthly cooking demonstrations—with a twist. All items will be made with local ingredients, says organizer Hawley.

The demonstrations will be shared by Anthony Greco and Tony de Luca of de Luca's Wine Country Restaurant, with recipes made from local products sourced from vendors.

The ingredients will be packaged and available for sale—after watching the demonstration, says Hawley, "you can go home with everything used in that recipe plus a recipe card, ready to cook up dinner that evening."

Although the demonstrations don't start until June, Greco will be on hand for the grand opening Saturday with samples to promote the market, the restaurant and the vendors.

Last year live music added to the market ambience most weekends, said Hawley, and will again be a

feature of Saturday market days.

"When you have music, especially if it's live music, it really changes the atmosphere, even if it's just someone playing a few tunes on a guitar," he says.

This year there are plans to have either a band or local buskers entertaining each week, starting with Rhyme 'N' Reason, the popular bluegrass band that has become a tradition at the market.

While the majority of vendors are returning from previous seasons, there are some new faces, says Hawley.

De la terre from Vineland will be on hand with their specialty, sour dough bread, and Upper Canada Cheese from Jordan Station will also be a regular vendor.

Oscar Turchi from Savoia Gourmet Emporium, one of the demonstrating chefs from last year, had so much fun he will return weekly as a vendor, says Hawley—he'll bring prepared meals to sell or serve, made of local ingredients.

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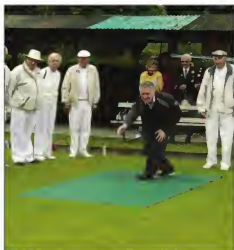
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And each year, he can be found in the kitchen of the Royal Canadian Legion Hall flipping pancakes, helping to

satisfy the hungriest appetites for the all-you-can-eat breakfast.

Members of the club from both sides of the border traditionally serve about 1,000 pancakes to raise money to sponsor international and community causes.

The club, one of the few bi-national Rotary Clubs, was chartered in 1938. As part of

Rotary International it supports the Rotary Foundation and its goals, including the eradication of polio worldwide.

The Lewiston/NOTL club also donates to International Child Care in Haiti and has contributed to the purchase of Shelter Boxes, providing tents and essential supplies for the people of Haiti.

The club has purchased hospital equipment, provided seed money for the local Nyanzas of Niagara and the Stephen Lewis Foundation Grandmother to Grandmother Campaign in Africa, funded landscaping projects at Simcoe Park and the Terry Fox Run in NOTL, helped teens on both sides of the border who attend Rotary

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The breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee or tea for \$7 an adult, and \$3.50 for children under 12.

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I want to say a SPECIAL THANKS to
everyone who made my
"RETIREMENT DAY" April 30, 2010 at
CIBC, a day I will remember always.
Words cannot express my appreciation
for everything that I received on this
day. It was AMAZING!
THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH.
I'M GOING TO MISS YOU ALL.
Love Alina

THANK YOU

*A million times I've needed you
A million times I've cried,
If love could have saved you
You never would have died.
Things we feel most deeply
Are the hardest things to say,
My dearest one, I loved you,
In a very special way.
If I could have one lifetime wish
One dream that could come true,
I'd pray to God with all my heart
For yesterday and you.*

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Deaths

GASPICH, Elizabeth (nee Quinn) -
Passed away peacefully on Monday, May
17, 2010, in her 77th year at Upper Canada
Lodge. Beloved wife for 52 years of the late
Thomas Gaspich (2008) and devoted
mother of five children: Mark (Teresa) of Fort
McMurray, Alberta, Michael of Niagara-on-
the-Lake, Terry of Oakville, Patty (Mike)
Giovino of Port Colborne and Thomas
Edward of Edmonton, Alberta and
grandchildren: Stephanie (Wayne) Fast,
Carmen (John) Tamas, Michael, Ashley &
Andie-Rose Giovino. Elizabeth is
survived by brother, Thomas (JoAnn) Quinn,
sister, Viva (Richard) Norton and sisters-in-
law Evelyn Quinn & Irene Gaspich.
Elizabeth is predeceased by sisters
Margaret (Les) Mikoy, Mary (Burlay) Free
and Ann, brothers, Mark (Bertie) Quinn,
Lawrence Quinn, James (Irene) Quinn,
Gordon Quinn. Elizabeth will be lovingly
remembered by many friends, family, nieces
and nephews. Friends may call at Morgan
Funeral Home, 415 Regent Street on
Thursday from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. Prayers will
be held at the funeral home on Thursday at
3 o'clock. Funeral mass will be celebrated
at St. Vincent de Paul Church on Friday,
May 21, 2010 at 10 o'clock. Rite of
committal to follow in the church cemetery.
Donations may be made to either
Alzheimer's Society or to a charity of one's
choice. On-line guest register:
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A Memorial Donation has been made to



HILL, Kenneth Wayne - Passed away
suddenly at the Hamilton General
Hospital, on Wednesday, May 11, 2010
in his 66th year. Kenneth will be sadly
missed by Jo-Anne (late Bill) Hill and
their children Matthew (Sarah), Stephen
(Kelly) Buxey, Mark (Dawn) Hill, as well
as Courtney and his grandchildren. At
Kenneth's request cremation has taken
place. If desired, as an expression of
sympathy, donations made to the Heart
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In memoriam



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For yesterday and you.*

Love your wife, Evelyn

*Every day, in some small way,
Memories of you come our way.
Though absent, you are ever near.
Still missed, still loved, and ever dear.*

Love your children, grandchildren and
great-grandchildren



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1969 - 1995

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Parliament Oak School In the Classroom

A cheer comes up from the hill. The finish line ribbon blows in the wind. They've made it to regionals. And so have many others, too busy to count. Go Parliament Oak.

We are very busy about the 80s night parents' fund-raiser, Track and Field day and our new notes and gym bags in our school's beautiful colours, black and red (for more information on prices and various deals and offers, please visit our website, <http://www.dsbn.edu.on.ca/schools/ParliamentOak/in/dch.html>).

Our up-coming projects

are also keeping us busy in the final stretch of the school year, with year end trips, Grade 8 graduation, final assemblies, final presentations and challenges and last-minute fun.

We also held a car wash to raise money for the graduation, and we are offering a raffle challenge working with the NOL Rotary Club for Play with the Pros, a raffle to raise money for some NHL-ers.

Also working with us are several groups encouraging and helping to finance our beautiful growing eco-rock

garden/outdoor classroom. Special thanks to: Science and Environmental DSBN consultant Sean Hanna, Chris DiRaddo from Sassafras Farms, design suggestions from Mori Gardens, Laura Dominick, our school community and our ECO Team.

Working with us as well are our volunteers, and we are honouring them on May 28 with a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast, and also we recognize two important teachers or helpers at our school and put comments on how they make our lives better everyday.

Our artistic talents are blooming with a Fort George Fyfe and Drum presentation for the older grades, and our long-awaited Talent Show for students in 1-8. At fitness break you can see students studiously practising to show off their talent, at our

so far undated Talent Show. Whether you're a dancer, singer, actor, juggler, clown or musician, any student can try out for this enthusiastic, crazy fun that will be coming up soon.

We're celebrating the differences in our students' talents on stage, and showing off our students' different ethnicities at our International Luncheon. Students are invited to wear their traditional clothes during the luncheon and our Multicultural Festival during the remainder of the day. We are also lucky enough to have performers to come and show off their special, ethnic skills for our school.

Grades 3 and 6 students during the month of June are going to complete a series of tests to show they are up to Ontario standards in reading, writing and mathematics. These tests are called EQAO assess-



The Grade 8 class of Parliament Oak, with (back) Mark Klassen, Tiana Dominick, Lucas Marsala, Gabe Lupia, Alex Roycroft, Erin Papadimitriou and (front) Megan Davies, Chelsea Widdicombe and Crystal Northwell doing a fundraising car wash to help pay for their graduation celebration.

ments and the students have prepared for a long time.

The rest of the school is working hard too, even the littler ones. The kindergarten classes are having an open house today from 2-4 p.m.

The Grade 6/7 class is starting their annual space tomato experiment in science. This experiment is helping study the seeds and growth of the plants to help space study.

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20 Golf Ridge Estates - \$428,000

Wow, what a fabulous view from this "true" bungalow townhome with views over the golf course, pond & water fountain. Pillared foyer with ceramic floors leading through to a spectacular kitchen & dinette. Access to swimming covered deck all viewing green space. Open formal living & dining with vaulted ceiling & gas fireplace. Beautiful accents, detailing, flooring & decor throughout. Professionally finished lower level with family rm, gas fireplace, 2 bdrms or bdrm & den & 4 pc bath.

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28 Diana Drive - \$379,000

Family friendly cut-d-sac. Trendy decor and practical design are combined in this 3 bedroom, 4 bathroom home and may be just what you've been looking for. Formal living and dining rooms, gourmet's kitchen overlooking the related great room with walkout to swimming covered patio and fenced yard.

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